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Mr. Charles E. Adkins  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
U. S. Department of Labor - OSHA  
911 Walnut Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mr. Adkins:

Thank you for your letter regarding alleged violations of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) at GAF Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Environmental Protection Agency would appreciate a copy of the inspection report when your investigation has been completed. If confidentiality is required, please so indicate.

The State of Missouri has assumed responsibility for administering the federal requirements for the NESHAPs regulation so a copy of the letter has been forwarded to Mr. Rancy Hastings at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Sanderson  
Chief, Air and Waste Compliance Branch

Enclosure

cc: Rancy Hastings  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
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Reply to the Attention of: ARA/TS  
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June 15, 1984

Ms. Janet Lambert  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Air and Waste Management Division  
324 East Eleventh Street, Room 1402  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. Lambert:

The attached letter from a private citizen was received by mail in our St. Louis Area Office. The writer alleges violations of both the OSHA asbestos standard and the National Emissions Standard for Asbestos. Our St. Louis office is currently investigating the OSHA-related items.

The information related to exposure of the general public is provided for whatever action your agency deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Adkins  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Technical Support

Attachment

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AIR AND WASTE COMPLIANCE  
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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADM.  
4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD  
ST LOUIS MO 63120

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MAY 25 1984  
ST LOUIS MO.

GENTLEMEN:

I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT A VERY HAZARDOUS CONDITION THAT EXISTS AT A MANUFACTURING PLANT IN THE CITY OF ST LOUIS MO. THE NAME OF THE COMPANY IS G A F CORP 9215 RIVERVIEW BLVD ST LOUIS MO 63137.

FOR 40 YEARS THEY MANUFACTURED ASBESTOS PRODUCTS. THEY QUIT MAKING THIS PRODUCT 6 YEARS AGO BUT NEVER CLEANED UP THE PLANT FROM THE LOOSE ASBESTOS FIBERS. THESE FIBERS ARE LAYING AROUND THE PLANT WHERE SOME 20 PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO WORK NEAR THIS HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. ATTACHED FIND PHOTOS OF SEVERAL PILES NEAR WORKING AREAS FOR SOME YEARS. c-111  
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THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF ASBESTOS FIBERS ARE IN THE NORTH END OR SECTION OF THE PLANT. THESE FIBERS ARE ON THE FLOOR AS WELL AS THE SECOND AND THIRD LEVELS. THE UPPER 2 LEVELS HAVE AS MUCH AS 4 TO 6 INCHES OF LOOSE FIBERS. ON A WINDY DAY LOOSE FIBERS BLOW ALL OVER BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PLANT. ALL PEOPLE DRIVING ALONG RIVERVIEW BLVD AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THE PLANT ARE IN DANGER OF INHALING THESE FIBERS. 20 1, 2, 3  
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SEVERAL YEARS AGO GAF'S OWN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SUPERVISOR FROM NEW YORK INSPECTED THE PROPERTY. HE INSTRUCTED THE PLANT MANAGER (JERRY LEBO) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TO LET PEOPLE NEAR OR WORK IN THIS AREA. LEBO IGNORED THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD PEOPLE MIX SAW DUST WITH HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS WITHOUT PROTECTIVE GEAR. THIS WASTE WAS PUT IN 55 GAL. DRUMS AND HAULED TO THE BI STATE LAND FILL NEAR BELLEVILLE ILLINOIS. PAPERS FOR 3 LOAD SHIPPED WERE SIGNED BY LEBO AND AUSTIN. THESE PAPERS ARE ONFILE AT THE ST LOUIS PLANT.

THE COMPANY OFFERS NO PROTECTIVE GEAR, OR REGULAR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, OR CHEST X-RAYS FOR THEIR PROTECTION. } c-111

I TRUST YOU WILL LOOK INTO THIS PROBLEM AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ELIMINATE THIS HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITION

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